



EMS AGENDA 2050

A PEOPLE-CENTERED VISION FOR THE FUTURE
OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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A Vision

For the advancement of EMS

Collaborative & Inclusive

A plan written by you

The Best Way To Predict The Future

Is to create it



It's Sunday, May 22, 2050...

And nine-year-old Carla Hernandez walks into the backyard to check on her young tomato plants.

She soon feels a sharp pain in her leg and reflexively swings for the bug that might be biting her.

Her grandmother finds her lying on the grass, pale and gasping for air.



What happens next?

What does treatment look like for Carla in 2050?

How does Carla's grandmother contact emergency responders?

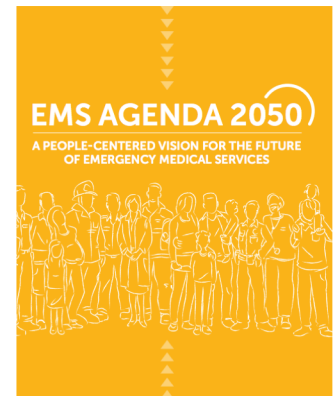
What does providing care look for the responding clinicians?



Creating the vision



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2019



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YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
among members of TEP

266 **WRITTEN
COMMENTS**



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documents and draft



Our goal was not to predict exactly what will be, but to create a vision for what could be.

The Values That Led Us Here

- Avoid wallowing in the problems of today
- Focus on bold, ambitious ideas
- Commit to open and inclusive input
- Listen to opinions, criticism, and critique

The Vision:

A People- Centered EMS System



Comprehensive, quality, convenient care



Evidence-based clinical care



Efficient, well-rounded care



Preventive care



Comprehensive and easily accessible patient records



The Guiding Principles

EMS systems in 2050 will be designed around these six Guiding Principles to provide a framework for addressing the **most critical aspects** of developing a people-centered EMS system.

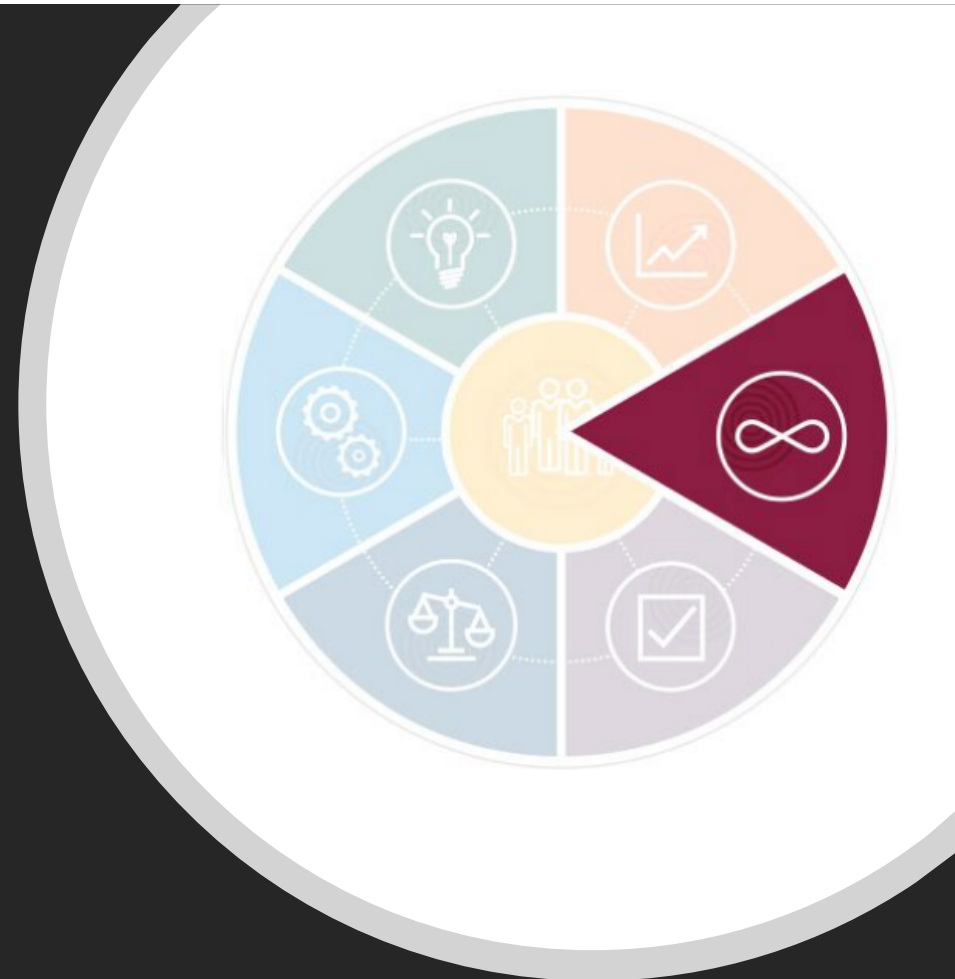
Inherently Safe & Effective

- Minimize exposure to injury, infections, illness or stress
- Prioritize the safety of patients, the public and practitioners
- Provide effective service based on the best evidence for optimal patient and community care



Integrated & Seamless

- Fully integrated healthcare systems and communities
- EMS collaborates with public safety agencies, public health, social services and public works
- Communication and coordination between different parts of the care continuum appear seamless



Reliable & Prepared

- Consistent, compassionate and evidence-guided EMS care for everyone
- Prepared for any situation: big or small, planned or unplanned, day-to-day or major events
- EMS clinicians are lifelong learners whose education matches the needs of their patients and communities



Socially Equitable

- Every community in the nation will be able to provide any resident or visitor with the best possible care and services
- Prioritize the health of the individual and the population
- Confident care and service for each and every person in the community, no matter disability, diversity, culture or language



Sustainable & Efficient

- Payment/funding model that supports appropriately resourced, sustainable systems
- Appropriately compensated clinicians
- Provides value, minimizes waste, and operates with transparency and accountability



Adaptive & Innovative

- Quickly and effectively meet the evolving needs of the population
- Continual evaluation of new technologies, system designs, educational programs and other aspects of the system
- Encourage innovative individuals and organizations to test new ideas



THE FUTURE STARTS NOW ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶



Achieving this vision will require deliberate actions of stakeholders at every level of EMS: including you.

The future of people-centered EMS is in your hands.

Find EMS Agenda 2050 and other resources at
www.ems.gov/projects/ems-agenda-2050.html

